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FOREWORD.

This is not intended to be a scientific work, It is an appeal and a warning.

The aim of this booklet is to call to the attention of the immigrant workingmen of America the most sacred duty which they have toward this glorious land in which they live.

Fellow immigrants your duty is clear: *to become entirely and forever citizens of the United States.*

You should decide *now:*

You should be *citizens whose souls are imbued with the spirit of great men who founded and defended this country; citizens who are conscious of the sacredness of the rights which are guaranteed to you; citizens who are proud of being members of this great nation,—the name of which has been and always will be, esteemed throughout the world.*

But you ought to become citizens with strengthened hearts and be ready to sacrifice your blood and mortal body in defending the rights and everlasting honor of the United States of America.

The writer of this work is himself an immigrant,—rather a re-immigrant, and out of his own experience,—freshened by renewed impressions,—the author knows that the greatest country in this world is the United States of America; that the most glorious flag which symbolizes a nation composed of free "citizens" with equal rights,—is the flag adorned by stars and stripes:—the flag of the United States of America.

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I did not make a material fortune, as it was not my aim, but I gathered riches of love, out of which I intend to give to you who have made your efforts for material fortunes only.

I intend to inspire you with love for the uplifting of this glorious republic.

I desire to call the attention of every immigrant to the fact that it is not only your sacred duty to settle in the United States forever, but I intend to *prove* to you *with figures and arguments that, besides it being your most sacred duty,—it is also the best thing you can do, for your own happiness and of the ones you love most dearly.*

I desire to show and prove to you that your *individual happiness is not possible* where a tyrant and his satellites sit "By Divine Right" on the neck of people kept purposely in ignorance, and who retain their places *against the will of their "subjects"*, whom they consider as tools, to be used only for the subduing and despoiling of weaker nations.

I intend to show and prove that individual happines *is possible only,* where a *nation* composed of a hundred million "citizens" recognizes no authority unless sanctioned by the will of the people of such government.

Now,—perhaps in the eleventh hour,—I intend to show and prove all these things to you in order to call your attention to the disastrous error you will make, should you return to the old country which you left, because of the hardships and the want that was forced upon you.

That is my aim.

I trust that I did not write this work in vain and believe that I am doing a humble service to this great country of which I am a most devoted citizen.

May this be of assistance to you. If so I have not lived without reward.

Cleveland, Ohio. September 19, 1917.

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PREAMBLE.

Presuming that the immigrant became entirely accustomed to the ways of living in this glorious land and admitting that his assimilation to the native American has succeeded to the fullest extent,—his heart, nevertheless, resounds, touched by memories of the old country.

This is natural and can easily be understood, especially by those who know the psychological conditions of the immigrant workingman.

He left behind him the members of his family, for the sake of whose happiness he departed from his native land.

He did not have the means for making a living in this native land, and so he came to America to get his start, to earn money to pay his many debts in order to become the owner of soil which would provide for him in his old age.

But the living terror of the past few years crossed his path on life's highway. The most terrible slaughter and devastation that mankind has ever witnessed, changed all his future hopes.

The fury of a greedy race, eager to grasp the property of, and to subjugate other nations, burst over the whole world, and especially over the countries in Europe, where it left the most horrifying traces, which will not be abolished in even hundreds of years.

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Cities in which peaceful citizens lived, became only the valleys of tears and woes; in hamlets where the strong and industrious youths held the plough, you find only mutilated beings, old fathers

and mothers, orphans and widows,— left without a supporter, in the ruins of their former homes, hungry and weary from misery.

The number of these run into tens and hundreds of thousands, and even millions.

Cities and hamlets were left in ashes, soil was left untilled, yards were deprived of wagons and ploughs and barns depleted of cattle; homes were ruined, and churches left without bells. Everything that had been the "all" of the poor man, became the spoil of this tremendous devastation.

The aristocrats, counts and barons did not lose, but multiplied their fortunes, leaving hundreds and hundreds of thousands of men poor and hungry, who will be ready to work countless thousands of acres of land for the lowest possible compensation. These poor men will be complled to work if only for a piece of bread which they may be able to obtain; they will not obtain it because of pity, but only to keep the soul and body together so that they may furnish brute force in man-like form.

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As I mentioned in the beginning, dear reader, we readily understand, that your feelings may make you inclined, as soon as the steamboats start, to return to the family which you left behind and for whom you are longing with all your heart.

But you must pit sense against emotion.

It is natural that your heart should crave a "home".

But it is our duty to make you *think before you make your decision* as to where you will establish this home.

We must call your attention to some very important circumstances that will have a heavy bearing on the matter when you make up your mind as to the question: *Where shall I make my "home"?*

THE "CROSSROAD" TO BE FACED

In the foregoing we mentioned shortly the big historical events that changed the ways of the entire world.

Think it over well before you start for the old country,—make up your mind as to whether it would be advisable to make your home in the country which you left, or whether *it would be better to bring your family over to this country*, that harbored you in the past and will harbor you in the future, if you make your home here.

Think it over whether:

1. Your "home" is over the seas, where only ruins remain, left by the most devilish tools invented by human brains,—poverty and hunger,—the economic and spiritual slavery,—the near future full of want and useless struggles, and the air full of dissatisfaction and revolutionary spirit? —there, where millions of prospective beggars will be compelled by guns and sabers to bow their heads into the yoke of the idle rich?—there where an emperor or king, "By Divine Right", so called, is the only ruler of millions of human beings?

Or:

2. Whether your "home" is here in the U. S. of America, the most blessed country in the world;—here, where men have remained men in heart and soul;—here, where cities and enterprises grow in plain sight; —here in this land, which will give to millions of honest workingmen an opportunity to earn honest and satisfactory wages for many generations to come; here, *where millions of acres of land are waiting for the plough* and which will amply repay the work of industrious hands;—here, *where you will not be forced to struggle with hunger*, and where there will always be peace and plenty, satisfaction and good will among men;—here, where happy citizens of a mighty land toil together to develop the human race toward the height to which it was destined by the Almighty God, the creator of the world; here in this land, where the elect of the entire people is the servant of the nation, and whose duty it is to keep in mind

and with sacredness the interests and will of the millions who placed their confidence in him.

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From the facts stated above and from those written below, *make up your mind dear reader.*

Still your emotions.

Make your decision by calm and concentrated reasoning.

Do not think of that, which you perhaps would desire *now,—but think of what will be good for yourself and your family,* that, which will give you enduring peace of mind.

Bear in mind that your and your family's future happiness is at stake; the happiness of your family which, by the suffering of yesterday, redeemed its right to the entire happiness of tomorrow.

Decide whether:—

I. You want yourself and your family to be the *slave and work horse of a selected class*?

OR:

II. You want to be the *free and worthy citizen of a God-blessed country,* that gives you freedom and happiness and your family a future of brightest hopes?

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The aim of this pamphlet is to aid you in making up your mind.

We intend to teach you to make your judgement right, as we want to keep a man worthy of a better fate from taking a wrong step,—a step that may cause his unhappiness for the remainder of his life.

Read the contents carefully and with confidence, and after you have fully realized the truth contained therein, make your decision with a mind free from thoughts of emotion as you must consider the future happiness of yourself and your family, when you decide the question:—

WHERE SHALL I MAKE MY "HOME" IN THE FUTURE?

WHY DID YOU COME TO AMERICA?

If you judge impartially, you must, before all, know and understand one fundamental thing, that: *one and one makes two* and that *taking two from two leaves nothing.*

This is an axiom.

If you, dear reader, conceive this great truth, you will also understand that as much as sometimes one would like to, no human power is capable of changing it

We do not intend to make you hate the land where you first saw the light of day.

God forbid!

We intend to show you the truth, and although you may not acknowledge it as such, you will be forced to do so by the power of the truth itself.

There is no use in fooling yourself!

The truth is this:

The land where your forefathers lived for good and bad, *was not able to give you and your family the piece of bread to which you were entitled* by your endless drudging and plugging.

You were the slave of the inherited soil; you rose from your bed before sunrise, and you worked and sweat till late in the night.

For whom?

For yourself?

No!

For the "state" and for the privileged class, who owns the "state".

You worked to earn money for taxes, on the income of which lived thousands and thousands of idle dukes, counts, barons and other titled beings, who all in all, did nothing but hold the whip ready to force you to work like a brute, and keep the tax-collector ready to take the bread from the mouths of your children and the pillows from under your tired head.

Their "highnesses", the counts and barons, who have tens of thousands of acres of land, paid in taxes only about three or four crowns per acre, while you with your five to ten acres had to pay twenty-eight to forty-three crowns per acre.

You were a born slave, who toiled for the idle.
This is the pure, but bitter truth.

This you must understand, and if you are a man worthy of confessing the truth, you must confess this.

There is no use in fooling yourself!

If it had not been thus, you would not be now in America.

You must admit that, industrious as you were in the old country, *your work did not seem to show any gain.*

Your gain was eaten up by the "state ideas" of the "privileged class", which needed millions of soldiers, military police and sheriffs to force you into the yoke of slavery, with the help of the money which they took from you and which left *your purse empty.*

Schools were not made for your sake, as it was always the red tape in the politics of these governments, that "the peasant is good only so long as he is poor, ignorant, timid and submissive".

This is the truth!

It has also forced you into the hands of the loan sharks and of the banks which have been established for this purpose.

"They have done good work."

When you were about to "buy a new piece of land" or to repair your house, you had "only" to sign a note and the money for this purpose was given to you.

After that,—bad crops,—big interests,—still bigger taxes,—court proceedings,—lawyers,—sleepless nights,— and.... the only way you had left was to ask many of your good friends to indorse another note so that you could obtain another loan sufficient to cover your traveling expenses to America.

America,—the land without counts, barons and many other idle beings;—the land created by God, where the industrious man can make his living by thrifty and honest labor without being deprived and despoiled of everything he has been able to make.

This is your story and the story of many

hundreds of thousands of immigrants, who were seeking liberty and freedom.

In the old country the one half of your earnings were taken by the state, county and township as taxes, and the other half you spent for the maintenance of your family and the paying of interest.

This is why you were not able to save anything.

This is the truth!

You came to the land where there are no dreams and vain worship, but where there is appreciation of honest work and sound justice, as God decreed it to be.

You came to the country where there is plenty of work, and plenty of opportunities, to assure you the comfort in your declining years that you deserve.

This is true!

In the U. S. you are not heavily taxed; you have a chance to deposit about one-half of your earnings in a bank which pays *you* interest; or you may invest it in safe and sound enterprises. You can easily do this, as the cost of living in normal times does not require more than one half of what you earn. In this way, after some time, you have a few thousand dollars which as far as money goes, gives you happiness and the satisfaction that you and your family are assured against "rainy days".

This is the truth, dear reader!

Shortly and precisely: — *in the old country*, out of two pennies you earned, one was taken by the state, the other by the cost of living, and you were compelled to seek happiness elsewhere or starve; whereas *in America*, you lay the one penny beside the other and after a few years you realize that you have a few thousand.

Do you realize this truth, dear reader?

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This was true before the war let loose its fury over Europe.

But what will the conditions be after peace has been concluded?

What will you do, dear reader?

Where will be your "home"?

In the old country which has been submerged in debt?

Or: —

In this country, which is the banker of the entire world and which produces all needed industrial products?

Will your "home" be there, where life will be many times harder than it was before the war?

Or: —

Will it here, where life will be many times more worthwhile than it was before the war?

Reason with a clear mind: Do you want *yourself and your family to be the work horses* of the selected class?

Or: —

Do you want to be *a free and worthy citizen* of a blessed country, which gives you freedom and happiness and your family a future of the brightest hopes?

It is up to you to make your choice.

You *must* make your choice:

WHERE WILL YOUR "HOME" BE IN THE FUTURE?

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THE EFFECT OF THE WAR ON THE OLD AND THE NEW COUNTRY.

In the foregoing we have shown you the reasons that compelled you to leave your native country.

Keep this in mind: the reason was that *in times of peace, before the war,* you were not able to make a respectable living in the old country.

This terrible war, the like of which the world has never seen, has changed the whole economical situation.

In the old country, — generally in the whole of Europe, — *the change has been from bad to worse.*

It will be hundreds of times harder to live in Europe after the war is over, especially in the countries without industries, which had to and will have to live on agriculture.

With the exception of England, France, Belgium and Germany, such will be the case in all the countries of Europe.

This is the reason: —

The lands with big industries as mentioned above, will be able, after conclusion of peace, to begin again in the production of necessary articles.

They will have their factories, which they had before the war and their skilled workingmen, who will return from the trenches, ready to enter into the factory service. Besides, there are thousands and thousands af woman and grown children, who became accustomed to factory work during the war.

These countries have and will have very much capital of their own and borrowed from their big ally, the United States, — a capital which will be invested by American business men for the development of interrupted industries.

This will be especially true in England, Belgium and France.

What will be the condition in the countries without industries before the war?

They will have to rely on agriculture only, as before.

The strong arms for farm work will be recruited out of the ranks of those who have come home from the battlefields.

But what will these strong arms be able to accomplish?

There will be a lack of working cattle and of tools to work the soil.

Both will be necessary and will have to be imported from other countries, where they may be found.

As they will be very scarce, their price will be very high, and only those, who have made fortunes during the war will be able to buy them.

These are only the ones who have tens of thousands of acres of land and who had tens and hundreds of thousands of crowns worth of economic products which they sold to their government and for which they received and will receive tremendous sums of money.

The poor farmers will remain poor, or the greater number of them will lose even what little they had before the war and will be left on the streets, penniless.

These poor men will be compelled for the sake of procuring the daily nourishment for themselves and their families, to sell their war-wearied bodies to those, for whose sake they have been doing the fighting; *they will be compelled to practically carry the yoke as beasts of burden.*

They will also have to keep the widows and orphans of those who perished in the war, for the state will not be able to support them.

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Instead of supposition, we will quote some figures running into billions of dollars, which have been wasted in carrying on the war.

Here they are:

A comparative statistical statement published by F. Landen, one of the best known staticians, shows that up to the middle of 1917 the war has cost the following stupifying sums:

In each and every *day* there have been spent

330,586,854 marks; in every *hour*, 13,774.452 marks; in every *minute*, 229,574 marks; and in every *second*, 3826 marks.

These sums are divided as follows:

ENGLAND with 46,697,000 inhabitants had, *before* the war, debts amounting to 14,423 million marks, or *309 marks per capita.*

Through carrying on the war the debts were increased to 142,000 million marks, or *3,200 marks per capita.*

FRANCE, with 39,800,000 inhabitants, had debts *before* the war amounting to 26,230 million marks, or *659 marks per capita.*

War expenses amounted to 56,056 million marks, the total debt being 82,286 million marks, or *2,942 marks per capita.*

ITALY, with 35,400,000 inhabitants, had debts *before* the war amounting to 14,423 million marks, or *309 marks per capita.*

War expenses amounted to 19,000 million marks, the total debt being 33,423 million marks, or *1110 marks per capita.*

RUSSIA, with 140,700,000 inhabitants, had debts *before* the war amounting to 21,359 million marks, or *152 marks per capita.*

War expenses amounted to 54,857 million marks or over *600 marks per capita.*

ROUMANIA, with 7,400,000 inhabitants, had debts *before* the war amounting to 2,012 million marks, or *271 marks per capita.*

GERMANY, with 68,200,000 inhabitants, had debts *before* the war amounting 4,962 million marks or *72 marks per capita.*

War expenses amounted to 68,000 million marks, the total debt being 72,962 million marks, or over *1900 marks per capita.*

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, with 53,170,000 inhabitants, had debts *before the* war amounting to 11,012 million marks, or *207 marks per capita.*

War expenses amounted to 28,525 million marks, the total debt being 39,537 million marks, or *1,637 marks per capita.*

TURKEY, with 21,600,000 inhabitants, had debts *before* the war amounting to 3834 million marks, or *177 marks per capita.*

War expenses amounted to 1,412 million marks, the total debt being 5246 million marks, or *242 marks per capita.*

BULGARIA, with 4,600.000 inhabitants, had debts *before* the war amounting to 458 million marks, or *187 marks per capita.*

War expenses amounted to 900 million marks, the total debt being 1358 million marks, or *296 marks per capita.*

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This is how the debts of each of these states have been increased by carrying on the war up to July 31, 1917.

However, this data do not comprise the damages done by the war or through cessation of the industrial activities by the destruction of cities and villages located in the war zones; and on the other hand,*it has to be taken into consideration that the millions of productive young men killed and maimed, become a liability to the state instead of an asset, and so the proportion of the indebtedness will have to be figured on a much larger scale.*

Statistical work of a German professor, Doctor von Eheberg, shows that during the year of 1917 the war expenses and debts of these several warring states were increased by one-third to one-half of the above amounts.

So we may reasonably show you the following financial outlook for the end of 1917:

DEBT PER CAPITA.

	Before the war	*At the end of 1917*
England	309 marks	4160 marks
France	659 marks	3825 marks
Italy	309 marks	1430 marks

Russia	152 marks.....	874 marks
Roumania	271 marks.....	1083 marks
Germany	72 marks.....	2352 marks
Austria-Hungary ..	207 marks.....	2128 marks
Turkey	177 marks.....	315 marks
Bulgaria	187 marks.....	385 marks

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From this data, dear reader, make up your mind clearly and do not forget that:

If, *before the war, you were not able to make a living* in the country where you were born in the way you expected, in spite of the fact that then the taxes and debts were only the tenth part of what they will be and the living conditions were more favorable, — *how do you expect to live in the old country after conclusion of the war when the debts and damages suffered by the state and the taxes will be ten fold greater than they were before the war*, and the *living conditions will be ten times worse as a result of the scarcity of necessities of life*?

Such will be the condition in *EUROPE*.

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How does the present and the future look here in America?

I invite you to be my witness for the actual standing.

Instead of many words, look at these figures:

In the year of 1913, the total aggregate debt of the United States was $3,475,954,353 or *$35.81 per capita.*

As a result of the war, since all the industries of Europe ceased their peaceful work, the provisioning of the entire world (excluding the central powers) has passed to the United States.

Here, since the war started, all industries have attained a height undreamed of even by the most daring speculators.

This is the result:

On the 30th of June, 1915 the debts of the United States fell to the total amount of $424,-154,647, or *$4.31 per capita.*

The *statistics of the savings banks* show that the total amount of the money deposited in the United States reached the amount of $901,610,-693.88, or *$352.72 per capita.*

Against this the statistics of European banks show the following savings per capita.

England	$25.82
France	28.36
Belgium	28.53
Italy	12.42
Russia	7.84
Roumania	1.69
Germany	90.69
Austria	4.13
Hungary	15.12
Turkey— Data not available	
Bulgaria, in Postal Savings banks	2.03

The statistics of exported and imported goods for 1916 show that the United States exported more than they imported, and so have gained in national riches each year as follows:

1910	$187,164,732
1911	522,094,094
1912	551,057,475
1913	652,875,915
1914	470,653,491
1915	1,094,419,600
1916	2,135,775,355

The above figures are the best proof of the wonders which have been accomplished within a few years and the way by which this glorious country became *the leader of the whole world, materially and morally.*

From all this, dear reader, *you can convince yourself*, without our suggestion, that at present and for the future, the material situation of the inhabitants of the United States is and will be beyond comparison with any other part of the world.

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Briefly:

In the old country the *debts, taxes and burdens have increased to ten times what they were* when you "escaped in fear of them to America"; while *here in America* the *debts of the state decreased* to the seventh part in comparison with what they had been when you came.

The prospects of earning in the old country have dropped to the level of desperation on account of the lack of tools, money and seeds; *whereas the prospects of earning in the United States have already risen to a tremendous height never before* attained.

After the war is over, when thousands of steamers will have a clear road for the transportation of goods to the starving humanity in Europe without being held up, the possibilities for earning will be many fold more.

Even the wages which you receive today for your work, as you know by experience, are three, —four, or many times more than they were before the war broke out.

After the conclusion of the war, all the factories in America will produce goods for hundreds of millions of human beings and will be able to pay much higher wages to their workingmen, *among which, as a matter of course, the skilled and the ones who already know the language, will be preferred before any other.*

Just imagine, dear reader, the time when a common laborer will earn from $5 to $6 a day.

This time is very near, and will come with certainty.

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Now, dear reader, *reason only with a clear mind and decide what you will do after the war and where your "home" will be.*

The happiness of *yourself and your family* is at stake!

Do you want yourself and your family to be *in want and slavery in Europe* for the rest of your lives,

Or: —

Do you want to be a *free citizen of America and to give your family a life worthwhile*?

WHERE WILL BE YOUR "HOME"?

?

SOCIAL-POLITICAL LIFE IN AMERICA.

In the old country you were oppressed by a a dominating class, materially and morally.

Laws were made, but those laws gave consideration only to the dominating class and race, or its adherents.

If you, a poor peasant, raised your voice in protest, claiming your God-given rights,—if you stood by your tongue and creed,—the gendarmes silenced you with the butts of their guns.

You were considered only as a dangerous revolter.

The "liberty of the press", the "liberty of meetings", the "liberty of forming societies", were only the rights of the dominating class and race, and their favorites.

The only right you had was to pay the taxes and "to keep quiet" even when the sheriff threw you out of the house inherited from your parents.

Such were the conditions in the old country.

What are they here?

You are heartily welcome, as long as you are an honest workingman who respects the laws of this land. All the ways by which you can assemble with those in your class, are open to you, in order to aid you in obtaining recognition of your rights.

The officers are elected by the citizens according to their merits and ability, from the President down to the smallest clerk.

All the ways toward culture and enlightenment are open to you, so that you may know your rights.

Still more, the state and communities even help you toward culture, enlightenment and a better standing, by maintaining *free schools and free public libraries.*

All the state expects of you is, that you make use of all these institutions and privileges, which it gives you in order to aid you in becoming a devoted and honest citizen of the United States.

IT IS UP TO YOU TO BECOME AN HONEST CITIZEN AND TO DO YOUR SHARE, AS SMALL AS IT MAY BE, for this great Republic

which has been created by the will of the Almighty God and by the great and honest purpose of great men, who sustained and developed it to be the first among all nations.

This country treats you right; it pays everybody according to his ability, and is the protecting shield of all the nations oppressed by the greediness of barbarous rulers.

This Republic which feeds and shields the ones who suffered for the sake of the right, will punish in the name of Justice the nations who deserve to be punished.

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Do you see the *weakness of the old country,* which is composed and sustained by the like of you, *for the sake of a privileged class and race*?

Do you see the greatness of this land in which you live, which is composed and sustained by the like of you, *for your sake and for the sake of all its citizens*?

Do you realize the *difference*?

Do you *realize the honor and respect which is due to the name "American" and the flag embellished by the stars and stripes*?

Under which flag do you want to live?

Decide and make up your mind clearly.

Do not let yourself be deceived by vain longing.

Your and family's future happiness is at stake!

Do you want to be *the slave of the "old class" and race*?

Or,—

Do you want to be *the defender of a constitution, which gives you your rights because they are due you*?

Judge wisely and decide: —

WHERE YOUR "HOME" WILL BE AFTER THE WAR IS OVER.

?

RETURNING TO THE OLD COUNTRY AND COMING BACK TO AMERICA.

In the foregoing we have shown you, dear reader:

1. The conditions as they were in the old country before the war;

2. The results which the war will leave in the old country and in America;

3. The future outlook in the old country and in America.

Always we have asked you the question: "Where will your "home" be in the future?"

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Perhaps, in spite of all our proofs and arguments, you may decide to go back to the old country.

Perhaps you will decide to make this step, *which in all probability will be the worst you have ever made.*

You will do this, thinking that if you do not find such conditions as you expected existing in the old country, *you will be able to return* to this land which shielded you from the miseries of war.

Here you will make your mistake.

Before you make your decision, *do not forget,* that the door through which you will endeavor to leave the old country, as well as the door through which you will desire to re-enter the United States, will be closed to you.

You will be barred by two strong locks.

If you go back to Europe you will be compelled to stay there, where your unfortunate decision and your vain longing led you, forever.

You will have exchanged the dear freedom for the life-long slavery of your family and yourself.

This is the reason:

In the old country, the wrongs and wants which you left behind the first time, did not diminish; but they increased ten or a hundred fold during the war.

The rich and domineering class will have need of cheap working power, and as soon as they

have you in their clutches, *they will take all possible measures* against losing you again.

They will find the means through taxes, sheriffs and gendarmes, and will thus compell you to sell your energy as cheap as possible, in order that they may live a life of ease.

Be sure that the biggest part of the expenses and loans for war will not be paid by their idleness, but will have to be paid out of the crops from the soil tilled by you. You will always be considered only as a "taxpaying subject."

This you already know very well from the times before the war, otherwise you would not be here in America.

You also know very well, that "the wolf changes its fur, but not its nature".

When the counts and barons again drag you into their yokes, you will seek once more to steal over the frontiers, but they will be closely guarded by gendarmes. You will try once again to enter this real Canaan, where there only is a life worthwhile.

You will try,—and God will be good to you, if you succeed in escaping.

If you have money and good luck, you may also be able to cross the ocean, but *if you are not a citizen*, you will come to a door heavily barred.

In the United States, where a good and blessed life will begin right after the war, entrance will not be allowed to migrating birds.

This country *will let in only such people as will remain faithful and who will devote all their energy to its development.*

Those who return only with the purpose of making a lot of money, to take to other lands, *will knock in vain* on the door of the heaven called America.

They will not even get a hearing.

You know very well from the papers, of the strict measures which have been taken by the government to handicap the excessive immigration. (The Burnett-Dillingham and other immigration laws are only the beginning.)

This is only fair.

So you see dear reader:

If you once go home after the war, you will enter slavery;

Whereas, if you remain in America, and become a citizen of this blessed country, you and your family can enjoy a happy life. You will be able to bring up your children in a way possible only in America, as this is the only country where all *careers are open to everybody, without class distinction, even to the chair of the Presidency.*

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Now decide, dear reader, what you will do after the war is over.

Do not allow yourself to be misled by vain longing.

Judge with a clear mind and then decide, but do not forget:

That the future happiness of yourself and your family is at stake.

The step which you may make, may be irreparable!

Decide this question wisely:

WHERE WILL YOUR "HOME" BE AFTER THE WAR IS OVER?

CONCLUSION.

After giving the foregoing careful consideration, and having thought it over with a clear mind, we believe that you will decide to *settle forever in the United States.*

You will therefore become, with your whole heart and soul, a citizen of this Republic, whose inhabitants are free and citizens; where the honest and industrious citizen can make a good living for himself and create for his family a good existence; where the nation, by its well-doing and liberty, is the sole lord of its land and of the officials elected on their merits.

You must realize, that:

To be a citizen of the United States is the greatest privilege of its kind, as he is the bearer and defender of a clean flag, which stands for the liberation of all oppressed nations and which heralds freedom for all mankind,—as God Almigthy decreed it to be.

Make your "home" *HERE* forever!

Become used to the ways of living and learn the language of this land, in order to do your best for its progress and to be able to feel and understand the beating of the pulse of this country's organism.

Bury all your memories and your past in the tears of bitter deception that connected you with the land which was not able to support you, although it is soaked thoroughly with the blood of your forefathers and your dear ones, who had to sacrifice themselves *for the good of others.*

Do not curse the land of your birth!

Bless it!

The sufferings which you endured and which expelled you from that land, tought you to appreciate and praise the greatness of this land, which is unequalled.

Cleanse your hearts with the tears which you shed over an unworthy past.

Receive in your thus revived spirits all the rays of the sun of liberty, which rises and sets over this soil, made sacred by the blood and imbued with the spirit of the great heroes who founded and defended it for the blessing of mankind.

The heroes who gave all for the honor of this, their country's flag, were not emperors, nor kings, nor counts, nor barons, but were toilers at hard and honest work, like you, yourself; they were also tired of injustice and of being despoiled by the powerful ones.

They were men of your kind.

They who created this land were men with clean hearts and minds.

Let us bless their memory!

How?

By following their example; the only way of which is:

To become, forever, the sons and defenders of the heirdom they left us: The United States of America!

If you are not a citizen, let it be the first and most sacred duty which you have to fulfill for the sake of your gratefulness for the goods which you shared.

Decide that:

THE UNITED STATES, SHALL BE YOUR HOME AND YOUR COUNTRY FOREVER.

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